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In Re Application Of: **Poulter, Andrew R.**

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Group Art Unit  
3652

Title: **RUGGED TERRAIN ROBOT**

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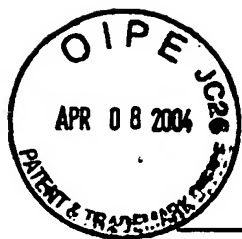
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.102(a), an application may be advanced out of turn for examination upon the filing of a petition under paragraph (d) of this section with a showing which will justify so advancing it. Thus, Applicant petitions the Commissioner to accord "special" status to the subject application in view of the importance of developing technologies for countering terrorism and the desirability of the prompt disclosure of advances made in these fields. Applicant has attached the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The following statement explains how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

This invention will alleviate placing law enforcement personnel in potentially dangerous situations by transmitting real time data to officers and allowing personnel to remain at a safe distance while investigating situations such as terrorist activities. This robot allows hazardous material teams to safely and quickly identify dangerous products (explosives, toxic hazards and booby-traps) without exposing personnel to life threatening situations. Due to the urgency of life safety in the search and rescue environment, this robot can rapidly locate victims when there has been an explosion, or if hazardous materials have been released. This robot has the ability to place itself in a position to view areas inaccessible by any other means.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to grant this Petition to Make Special.

Respectfully Submitted,

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